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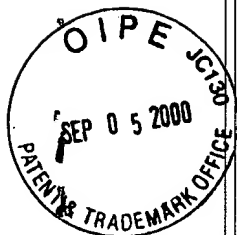
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In re application of:

David Balaban et al.

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Filed: September 15, 1999

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FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

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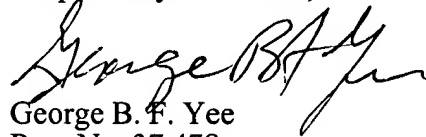
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